

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. It is
anti-American to use
the airwaves, that
belong to all of us,
to support the
interests of Big
Business. The
airwaves, if used
properly, sustain
Democracy. As the
Sinclair Stations
are using the
airwaves, they are
undermining
Democracy by
broadcasting
propaganda, not
objective
information.

Sinclair's abuses of
ownership show why
we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.